

REMARKS

The present continuation is filed for the purpose of introducing an amended claim 1 that patentably distinguishes over the Kato reference.

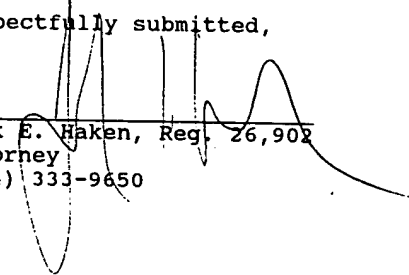
The above amendment is supported by the application as filed, e.g., page 4, lines 12-13; or page 1, line 22. Amended claim 1 now defines the manually operable data input device to transmit low-speed data or high-speed data as a function of time.

Note that the Kato reference implements the timer control in software (reference numbers 5 and 7). In the invention, it is the transfer function of the manually operable data input device that is made time-dependent. As a consequence, software that conventionally provides a single speed or a single speed range now is operated as if it had two or more different speed ranges available. Also, if the Kato system were to be combined with the present invention, the number of time-dependent speed ranges would be increased further.

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